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COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

Special points of interest:

- 8.3.2017 Swift Water Rescue Turkey Creek off SR 181
- 8.3.2017 training and meeting
- 8.5.2017 Mow Party E Stronghold
- 8.6.2017 K9 Training Montezuma Pass Rd
- 8.13.2017 K9 Training Pearce
- 8.19-20.2017 Basic SAR Academy



- 8.19.2017 Search Missing Child Richland Ranchettes
- 8.26.2017 Combined Tng Wren Arena



August 2017

This Month in Search & Rescue

8.3.2017 Missions / Training & Meeting

Well, we almost did not have a meeting with some of the missions we had this day. The first call was for a RV being pulled by a pick up truck getting stuck in the mud. David and Jim responded to this mission. While they worked this mission, we got another call of an elderly couple stranded in the middle of Turkey Creek near MP 2 on Kansas Settlement Rd. One of our counterparts from Graham County was able to assist and pull the subjects out. KS was

pending on the season, you might want to change/add/remove items in your pack.

Minimum Required List: SAR

SAR related clothing *MARKED with SAR emblem
Good hiking boots
Some type of hat
Extra socks
*Helmet (taken into the field)
Eye and *ear protection
Gloves

Emergency survival blanket
Food rations for 24 hours
Water purification system
Personal first aid kit (see contents below)
Poncho or appropriate rain gear
Fire starting kit
Bivvy sack
Toilet paper

2 carabiners
15 feet 1" webbing
30-50 feet 5-8 mm rope

Backpack must be able to carry equipment and supplies for 24 hours in the field
Two quarts of water (more in

the summer)
GPS and compass
*Flagging tape
Pen and paper
Whistle
Signal mirror
Sun block
Hand sanitizer/cleaner
Pocket knife or multi-tool
LED headlamp (and extra batteries)

Summer Specific Items
Bug repellent
*Bug head net (bees)

Winter Specific Items
Knit cap
Mittens/ski gloves
Full-face knit cover
Wind/rain pants
Extra jacket/polypropylene
*Plastic grocery bags (for feet)

*Items added to original list (Nov 16)

closed at Hwy 191. Eric went through the pack content and a another list was e-mailed. De-

8.5.2017 E Stronghold Mow Party

This year the team did not participate in the Swift Water Challenge held in Phoenix. We decided it would be wise to stay back just in case we encountered many more swift water and other missions. We also decided to mow the grass at the LZ in the East Stronghold. The grass was more than two feet tall and in dire need of mowing.

Many showed up and the LZ was in great shape within a couple of hours.



8.6.2017 K9 Training Montezuma Pass Rd

We had arranged for an evaluation of our dogs for this training. Daisy found her subject with no problem. By the time she ran the trail, the trails was over four hours old. She did fantastic. Our younger dogs were also exposed to this evaluation, which was conducted by Dep. Hathaway. He gave us several ideas on what we needed to work on and how to improve our dogs. It is always great to have a third party give great input. Thank you Clint. Some of the aspects of our future training will be starts,

scent discrimination and turns as well as recall/re-find.



**Be fearless
in the
pursuit of
what sets
your soul
on fire.
Let's Train!**

8.13.2017 K9 Training Pearce

Since not all dogs were able to participate in the evaluation process a make up was set up for this training. Dep. Hathaway suggested the area of the Pearce School. The trail layers were set out staggered limiting the set time to about half an hour. Walter with Roxy went out first, then Gaby and Heidi, and Denise with Bruce. In the meantime we set up some cadaver search scenarios for our cadaver dogs, and an area

search scenario for Dietz. K-oz did quite well on the cadaver search, locating all the aids.

Roxy worked the cadaver as well and another trailing exercise.



Equipment List / Common Errors

Personal First Aid Kit (suggested)

*Latex/Nitrile gloves
Band aids various sizes
Gauze roll
Medical tape
*4x4 Gauze pads (4)
*Mole skin
*Trauma shears
*Forceps
*Splinting material (e.g. SAM)
*Irrigation syringe
Aspirin/Ibuprofen

Common errors which lead to serious consequences (based on actual rescue missions)

- Climbing alone. I couldn't find anyone to go, and I was only going to go a short ways.
- Leaving your partner behind to "wait" for you. Usually because they can't continue for whatever reason. If your partner "can't make it". . . return with them to base camp.
- Not wearing a life jacket. Most drowning victims are "good swimmers", and they were going to be in the water for only a "minute or so" (crossing a river or lake).
- * Leaving your equipment or pack behind (including medications) because it was heavy, you didn't think you would need it, and you were just a little ways from the top.

Common Errors

- Novices climbing too difficult a route, thinking it didn't look that hard, but pushed onward beyond their physical ability.
- "Desk job" workers trying to hunt too far in too rugged terrain without first building up their physical stamina and condition.
- Getting disoriented in a storm. It came up so suddenly and you end up a "ridge or two" away from your believed location. You didn't think the weather would change that fast. After all, it was 70 degrees in town!
- A VFR (visual flight regulations) pilot trying to just "make it" to the next landing field through a summer squall and thunder storm. Better a day late!
- Climbing UP a steep rock surface is a lot easier than trying to climb back DOWN without proper equipment. Think! While hiking around the lake, you couldn't have been more than a few hundred yards from the child and you told them not to go near the water. It happened so fast.

8.19-20.2017 Basic SAR Academy / Mission / CPR

We had quite a great turn out for this Basic SAR Academy. 20 personnel, which included two from Santa Cruz County. This Basic SAR Academy is a AZ State requirement for all new SAR personnel. This 16 hour class covers some of the basic aspects of SAR such as: AZ Requirements, Policies & Procedures, Introduction to Searches, Behind the Scenes of Route & Location Searches, Behind the Scene of Area Searches, Safety, Hazards & Risk Management, Communications, Map & Compass, Tracking & Clue Awareness. Most of this training is conducted in a class room setting with some field exercises.



“Great teams do not hold back with one another. They are unafraid to air their dirty laundry. They admit their mistakes, their weaknesses and their concerns without fear of reprisal.” -- Patrick Lencioni

9.7.2017 Training and Meeting
Foothills Station 1730
hours

9.9.2017 Tech Training
locating TBA

9.15.2017 Palominas Fire
Sponsored National Night
Out

9.17.2017 K9 training East
Stronghold (subject to
change)

9.23.2017 Mow Party East
Stronghold

September 2017

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OCTOBER 2017

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*"You need to be
aware of what
others are doing,
applaud their
efforts,
acknowledge
their
successes and
encourage them
in their pursuits.
When we all help
one another,
everybody wins."
-- Jim Stovall*

10.3.2017 National Night Out 1700—2000 hours SV City Park
10.5.2017 Training and Meeting

10.7.2017 Helo Requals East Stronghold

10.15.2017 K9 Training TBA

10-21-20.22.2017 Overnighter East Stronghold

8.26.2017 Combined Training

This training was spearheaded by Michelle. She previously attended the mounted portion at Heber. She learned quite a bit in regard how other mounted groups assist their technical rescue personnel with hauling gear. She covered the proper hauling techniques of equipment in/out of the field on horse/mule back.

The training began with a briefing of what was expected of team members and the mounted.

Then to the field work in the arena. Horses had to become familiar/be exposed to the various equipment (colors). It is not only the team member, who has to become familiar with working around a horse/mule and hand off equipment, the rider ensuring their horse/mule displays consistent calm-

ness, disposition and training. While the tech team worked with the mounted, several of the K9 team folks worked on sort trailing and area search scenarios. Thank Jim and Wayne for volunteering your services as "lost subjects."

Once the mounted and tech team concluded their training, the K9 team was able to work with the horses as well familiarizing their dogs with the horse.

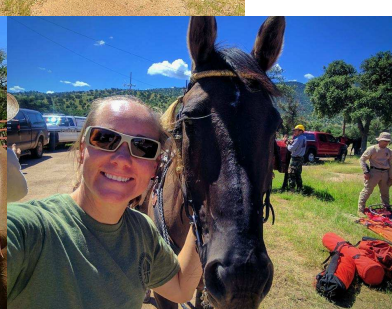
"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners."

Laurence Sterne



"There's nothing greater in the world than when somebody on the team does something good, and everybody gathers around to pat him on the back." -- Billy Martin

Photos below, courtesy of Mandi's Facebook post.



November 2017

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11.2.2017 Training and Meeting

11.4.2017 Tech Training West Stronghold

11.18.2017 Pack Test Bisbee 1000

K9 training TBA

8.28.2017 Getting ready for possible deployment

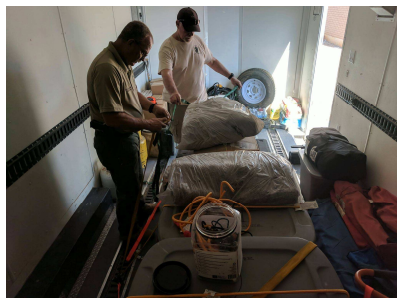
In the anticipation of a possibly deployment of our swift water team to Texas, Dominic, Harry and David prepped the BAT trailer, the command post and the boat.

Heads up,

Just got a call from AZSAR coordinator for Texas response, this will be for current swift water personnel only and a few support personnel. We are running it up our chain of command for approval. Once approved state will be notified and they will start FEMA approvals. If approved we will take the boat and BAT trailer. We would be going with Pima, Maricopa and possibly Yavapai swift water teams if they get approved by their command staff. I am guessing if everything gets approved we could be on the road by late tomorrow or early Wednesday.

Let me know ASAP,

Well, all AZ teams were cancelled in regard to assisting Texas/Houston.



“Don’t kill people with kindness, because not everyone deserves your kindness. Kill people with silence, because not everyone deserves your attention.”

Book of Prosperity